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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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FOR CHARGE FROM EASUM

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL

1. I HAVE MET WITH TED MORSE, FSR- 3, FROM AID WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S POSITION IN ECONOMIC/DEVELOPMENT SECTION OF EMBASSY. HE IS SUPERB OFFICER WHO IS KEEN ON JOB AND WILL BE AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF OUR TEAM. I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF HIS RELATIVELY HIGH RANK. GIVEN HIS PERSONALITY AND ATTITUDES, I AM PERSUADED THIS WILL NOT RPT NOT PRESENT US WITH SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM. FOR REASONS EXPLAINED IN LETTER POUCHED TO CAHILL, I HAVE CONCURRED IN DEFERRING HIS ARRIVAL AT POST UNTIL BEGINNING SEPTEMBER.

2. I PRESSED AID PERSONNEL DIRECTOR ON AGRICULTURAL OFFICER VACANCY. HE SAYS THEY ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN. YOU MAY WISH TO REQUEST STATUS REPORT.

3. DIRECTOR GENERAL RAISED WITH ME CONTINUING DIFFICULTY IN FILLING PERSONNEL OFFICER POSITION. WE DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTITUDE TOWARD THE JOB WHILE STRESSING UNCLASSIFIED

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INCREASING HARDSHIP THAT POST WAS SUFFERING FROM LONG-

STANDING VACANCY IN THIS KEY SLOT. I SAID WE WERE DUBIOUS OF WISDOM OF SENDING ANYONE WHO VIEWED ASSIGNMENT WITH RELUCTANCE.

4. TELL JEFF WE MAY WISH HIM PICK UP JOHN AS SOON AS JEFF ARRIVES WASHINGTON AND PUT HIM ON PLANE FOR MICHIGAN. JEFF SHOULD CALL US IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL FOR INSTRUCTIONS. PHONE NUMBERS ARE 616/322-2075 AT REX AND 616/947-7924 AT TRAVERSE.

5. IF DAVID REMAINS LAGOS UNTIL MY RETURN IN AUGUST, WE DOUBT HE WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO DO WHAT HE WANTS TO DO IN CHARLOTTSVILLE PRIOR TO AUGUST 28, DATE WHEN VANDERBILT WANTS HIM IN NASHVILLE FOR ORIENTATION. WE SUGGEST HE CONSIDER RETURNING U.S. WITH JEFF. GADSDEN OR TRAVERSE WILL BE DELIGHTED HAVE HIM IF HE FINISHES CHARLOTTSVILLE JOB EARLY. DITTO HOATHS OR BRADEMANS.

6. HOLD X-RAYS AT POST. THANKS.

7. PAO EVALUATION REPORT WELL UNDERWAY AND WILL BE POUCHED SOONEST. USIA HAS BEEN INFORMED.

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